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Dear Members of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee,

Please Oppose HB 5653 Ammo Excise Tax Bill.

It seems with all the inflation going on around us and prices going up on eggs, gasoline, heating oil, groceries, that the last thing that a conscientious member of the legislature would want to do is to intentionally introduce a new tax on the people in their district.

It may be a surprise to some, but your constituents own firearms. An increase in the price of ammunition instigated now with the State's economy in the shape it is in for most of the people who live here is probably not the smartest thing to do, for the economy of the State, your constituents, or just in general.

It's also not lost on people that the tax would be enacted at a time when the State is projected to close with a \$3.1 billion dollar surplus, making arguments made for the tax seem insincere and punitive, i.e. probably not the best optics behind rolling out a new tax increase.

Please Oppose HB 5653,

Thank you,

Peter Brown.

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